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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Ding et al. Confirmation No.: 1077  
Serial No.: 10/071,400 Art Unit: 3763  
Filed: February 7, 2002 Examiner: Michael M. Thompson  
For: MEDICAL DEVICE WITH Attorney Docket No: 10177-111-999  
SPONGE COATING FOR (CAM No.: 008563-999109)  
CONTROLLED DRUG  
RELEASE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2003 be extended for a period of **three** months from **March 3, 2004** to and including **June 3, 2004**.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be **\$950.00**. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 503013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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